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EDGE Center sponsors final free seminar

The EDGE Center, Inc. (Enterprise Development for Glades Entrepreneurs) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), College of Business, at FAU will present the fourth and final free business improvement seminar this Thursday, Sept. 28. The seminar is co-sponsored and will be held at Palm Beach Community College-Glades Campus from 5:30 until 8 p.m. Back by popular demand, the topic will be "Accounting and Record Keeping For Your Business". There are still a few seats available. You may pre-register by calling (561)362-5620.

Class Meeting

The Pahokee High School Class of 1991 will have its monthly class meeting on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the home of Lawanda Everett (331 E. 2nd Street-Pahokee). Please bring your monthly dues of $10 and ideas for a successful 10-year reunion to the meeting.

For more information contact Lawanda Everett at 924-3126.

Glades Democratic Club to meet

The regular meeting of the Glades Democratic Club will be held Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Mt. Zion AME Church, located at the corner of S.W. 10th Street and Ave. C in Belle Glade.

All citizens are invited to attend this special meeting to hear from candidates for the Nov. 7 election. Ed Bieluch, candidate for sheriff, Wayne Richards, candidate for the Port of Palm Beach, James "Hank" Harper, Jr., candidate for State House District 84 and Rafel Rondon, candidate for the Port of Palm Beach will attend. Melanie Brenner of the Children's Services Council will make a presentation. Please attend to hear and ask questions of the candidates.

Day-long safety fair

Pahokee's first annual Public Safety Fair, sponsored by the Police and Fire Departments, in cooperation with the City of Pahokee, the Pahokee Chamber and Main Street, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the parking lot of City Hall.

Children can enjoy free pony rides and a moon bounce, along with other games, while learning more about their personal safety. Both departments will be giving items away and the police department will be showing off their newly renovated offices.

Everyone is invited to stop in, buy a hot dog and drink or a barbecue chicken plate or dunk your favorite community leader in the Dunk Tank!

For further information, contact the Chamber at 924-5579, the Fire Station at 924-2424 or the Police Station at 924-5691.

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U.S. Sugar train derails in Belle Glade

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

A South Central Florida Express train, owned by United States Sugar Corporation, derailed and caught on fire Monday morning about 10 a.m. just north of Northwest Avenue L in Belle Glade.

The train, coming from U.S. Sugar's plant in Clewiston, was headed to Pahokee when the accident occurred. According to Det. Matthew Sweet with the Belle Glade Police Department, a track switch had apparently been thrown, causing the train to go onto the wrong track. The switching mechanism should have had a lock, and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department, the FBI and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will be investigating the accident to determine if the switch was thrown by accident or if it was deliberate.

The 15-car train, which was carrying sugar cane and potash, was traveling about 35 mph when it hit several parked train cars on the sidetrack. Engineer Rickey A. Jones and conductor Gregory Snow, both Clewiston residents, told police they braked while crossing Northwest Avenue L when they saw the red flag that alerted them the track had been switched, but they were unable to stop in time to avert the crash.

Both men received minor injuries in the accident and were taken by ambulance to Glades

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A South Central Florida Express train, owned by U.S. Sugar Corporation, crashed into 15 parked train cars on Monday, Sept. 25 about 10 a.m. The engineer and conductor received minor injuries in the crash, which is under investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the FBI and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department.

New commissioners sworn in

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

The mood was somber in City Clerk Debra Buff's office a week ago Wednesday evening as the two newly-elected Belle Glade city commissioners were sworn in with just a few family members and city officials in attendance.

Ms. Buff gave the oath of office about 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 20 to Don Garrett and Jeff Hawkins, who both won their seats with 62 percent of the vote in the Sept. 12 election. The two election winners were delayed from induction because the election was protested by the incumbents, Harma Miller and Mary Ross Wilkerson.

Ms. Wilkerson and Mrs. Miller, who are alleging voter fraud, filed formal protests with Supervisor of Elections Theresa LaPore the day after the election. The two say they suspect everything from dead voters names being used to vote to ballot-box-stuffing.

A recount of the ballots on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at the Supervisor of Elections office in West Palm Beach resulted in only one vote lost for Garrett, who beat out Wilkerson by over 600 votes. The vote stood for Hawkins, who also beat out then-mayor Miller by over 600 votes.

Newly-elected Belle Glade City Commissioners Don Garrett (left) and Jeff Hawkins take the Oath of Office from City Clerk Debra Buff last Wednesday evening as their immediate family members and a few city employees look on. The two replace out-going mayor Harma Miller and Mary Ross Wilkerson, who both lost the election by 62 percent.

Mrs. Miller and Ms. Wilkerson refused to accept the election results, saying other issues they had requested investigated had not been addressed by the Supervisor of Elections nor the Canvassing Board. Ms. LaPore told commissioners that signatures of the voter registration roll match the number of votes cast in person and that absentee voters' names were stamped on that roll to prevent voters from voting twice. She told those in attendance that she had fulfilled her duties by conducting the recount and other issues brought up by the incumbents could not be addressed by her

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Former city commissioner's son charged with grand theft

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Cory Wilkerson, son of former city commissioner Mary Ross Wilkerson, has been arrested and charged with grand theft.

According to Chief of Police Michael Miller, Wilkerson, 29, was brought into the police station Tuesday morning by his mother to face the charges. He was placed under arrest without incident.

Wilkerson, a former employee of Glades Development Corporation, is charged with submitting a fraudulent invoice to GCDC which was then paid for by that corporation for work done on a parking lot for the Bonnaventure Restaurant and Lounge. The invoice was paid with a GCDC check, according to the corporation's treasurer Gary Goggans, who cooperated with police in the investigation.

Police say they became suspicious of possible misappropriations of funds last month when the 2 Live Crew act was scheduled to come to the

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New commission must deal with city manager issue

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

When Harma Miller let the gavel fall at the end of a special city commission meeting Wednesday, Sept. 20, the majority of the commission had just hired Tony Smith as Belle Glade's new city manager.

But, there are problems with the contract, that, according to City Attorney Charles Schoech, violate the city's charter and must be addressed.

The city commission agreed to hire Tony Smith, the former Riviera Beach City Manger to begin work on November 1 for a five year contract, at a salary of $85,500. His contract specifies a severance package that could,

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Check It Out!

Students from several schools attended the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center's show "The Animal Who Drank Up Sound", on Wednesday, Sept. 20. The event was brought to the Dolly Hand by the Kravis Center. Shown is one of the cast members who went into the audience to let the children see the cymbals used during the performance.

County to assist city of Pahokee

waterfront revitalization project

In Sept. 1999, Palm Beach County signed an agreement with the City of Pahokee to fund redesign of two major public properties for tourist-related use. The plans recently completed by Jupiter landscape architects George Gentile and Emily O'Mahoney propose a mixture of private and public uses for the Pahokee Marina/Campground and the City Hall site.

According to Palm Beach County Commissioner Tony Masilotti, the proposed amenities—including a restaurant, hotel and shops plus shoreline boardwalks and a nature center/picnic pavillion—will create much needed non-agricultural jobs. Commissioner Masilotti joined the consultants, Chamber of Commerce Director Alice Thompson and City and County staff in presenting a proposed plan at a workshop with the Pahokee City Commission Tuesday night Sept. 25.

The plan to redevelop these properties resulted from the county's emphasis on tourism as a new, year-round industry for the Glades area and the need to develop tourism facilities to attract the anticipated cyclists, hikers and others who will visit the 115-mile Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail, which is expected to begin construction within one year.

Many of the Pahokee plan's components were envisioned by local planning efforts, such as the 1995 Pahokee Charrette and a 1998 Revitalization and Marketing Plan funded by the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

The City leases the 165-slip Marina and Campground, the only marina on Lake Okeechobee, from the State of

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Ellen Smith named FAHPERD Teacher of the Year

By Tracy Whirls

Gove Elementary School physical education teacher Ellen Smith has been named Elementary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Florida Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance and Driver Education (FAHPERD). She will be formally presented with the award at the FAHPERD conference in Orlando Oct. 13.

Mrs. Smith's physical education program was also selected as the Model Elementary School Physical Education Program for Palm Beach County for the 1999-2000 school year. In recognition of that honor, she, and other Gove teachers and administrators were invited to be the guests of the Florida Marlins at ProPlayer Stadium in Miami and were recognized with an on-field presentation before the Marlins vs. Blue Jays game June 2. She has also served as a clinician for inter-disciplinary lesson plans during pre-school workshops for physical education teachers in the Palm Beach County School District.

Born in Pahokee, Mrs. Smith, 46, grew up in Belle Glade. Her father was in the Air Force, so the family moved around a lot. Japanese was her first language, but she considers Belle Glade her home town. The family moved to Mississippi during her senior year at Glades Central in 1972, where she was a member of the band and the class which named the Raiders and chose Maroon and Gold for the school's colors. "We left my senior year, right after football season," she said.

She attended Mississippi Southern on band and softball scholarships, and then taught science and physical education in Mississippi high schools for a number of years. She was also Mississippi's first woman football coach.

After a divorce, she returned to Belle Glade where she landed a job at Glades Day, teaching physical science and earth science and coaching JV basketball, cheerleaders, and other athletic programs. She left Glades Day because, she said, the coaching schedule was too demanding for someone with young children. She became a physical education teather at Gove, where she has remained for 14 years.

Mrs. Smith said at first the transition from high school to elementary school was tough. "You go from having kids who can stand in line to having kids hanging from trees. That's why I would like to personally thank Mrs. Irvin and Glennie Davis for helping me make the transition from high school to elementary," she said. "Without the support of Gove's faculty and staff through

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Ellen Smith and teacher's assistant Bridget Lutz put together this display to show parents and other teachers how to incorporate integrated curriculum with fun games and activities as part of a physical education curriculum.

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these 14 years of sharing and collaborating, my program would not be what it is today."

The collaboration with other teachers at Gove helped shape her physical education program, which is now a model for other teachers in the district, she said.

"Gove is like a family. You want to help your fellow teachers," she said. So when other teachers were having problems teaching young children concepts in science, for example, she said, 'I used to be a science teacher I can help you with that."

And so, she began to incorporate different lessons, like distinguishing left from right and odd and even numbers, in her kindergarten PE classes. "We have a cheer—2,4,6,8, who do we appreciate. Even numbers!" In the pavilion where she holds most of her PE classes, a map of the United States serves as an exercise area and is used to teach students' north-south, east-west as well as state names. Children learn the basic food groups while tossing different colored balls—naming fruits that are green, like limes, when a green ball is tossed and so on.

"It's not that hard to incorporate academic skills into PE," said Mrs.

Smith. "I like to use thematic units. Last year the theme was 'Getting Lost in the Solar System. We played a game called 'space jams', a flag-tag game where kids had to get through the asteroid belt, the inner planets or the outer planets (with other groups of kids acting as the planets, similar to the old children's game of Red Rover). They do their skills, they're getting aerobic exercise, having fun, and they don't realize they're learning. Even kindergarten students could name the planets."

Another game incorporates magnets mounted on posts in the pavilion, and requires students to race around unscrambling letters to form words. A parachute, like a pie cut in differing sections lends itself to lessons in division and fractions.

"I'm from the old school," Ms. Smith said. "I believe kids learn best

through repetition of concepts and hands-on fun stuff. I knew from my own experience that kids don't learn from stuff written on the board. Take them outside, show them places where the ground is worn away, tell them, 'that's erosion.' Explain it and they'll learn it because they've seen it. For me, it's a personal pleasure seeing kids learn."

As a student in high school, Mrs. Smith said, she considered the idea of being a psychiatrist, but balked at the idea of self-analysis. Then she thought of becoming a missionary, she said.

"I guess this is my mission," she said. "Our children need help. They have so many problems and the opportunities to be in the limelight are so few." And so, she sponsors a Fitness Club, taking children to NFL football games through connections with local athletes who've turned pro. A trip to a PGA golf tournament in West Palm Beach led to the donation of seven sets of golf clubs, which Gove children, mentored by members of the Glades Central Golf team will learn the game next spring.

Like many children across the country, Mrs. Smith feels her students don't get enough exercise or enough opportunities for recreation.

"They also don't get enough adult attention. The TV and the computer are babysitters. Nothing takes the place of getting out there playing."

Children are under a great deal of stress, Mrs. Smith said, in school with the emphasis on FACT and out of school with the demands upon working parents, broken homes and other social problems. "We know that exercise is the best way to combat stress. But they don't get as much PE as I would like," she said. At Gove, students rotate between PE and another class in six week intervals, with five days of PE and five in another class in 15-40 minute segments. At other schools, she said, students may have PE only one day a week. "And it's the only time they get to go outside," she noted.

"We're supposed to be teaching the whole child," she said, explaining why she goes to great lengths to incorporate academics in her PE program. "I'm trying to sell PE anyway I can."

Mrs. Smith's physical education program was selected Model Elementary School Physical Education Program for Palm Beach County for 1999-2000. In recognition of the honor, she and other Gove staff and administrators were the guests of the Florida Marlins and were recognized with an on-field presentation prior to the Marlins vs. Blue Jays game June 2. Mrs. Smith is pictured at the Pro-Player stadium with Linda Cowart, DAC program planner.

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Bonnadventure club. Chief Miller said Wilkerson, who is employed by Bonnadventure as is his wife, D'Eand Wilkerson, was directing trucks on the parking lot which were spreading gravel.

The trucks, owned by M & M Trucking, spread 12 loads of rock and one load of fill and then used a packing machine to pack the rock.

Police say they investigated and an anonymous source told them on Sept. 19 that Wilkerson had submitted an invoice and requested a check in the name of M & M Enterprises for the amount of $3,524.00. According to Goggans, Wilkerson said the check was to facilitate a previously approved project to purchase a freezer and refrigerator for St. Paul's Church of God in Christ. The church operates a kitchen that feeds the poor out of their church located at 914 West Avenue A.

M & M Trucking owner Clamore Morgan told police Wilkerson made arrangements with him to have the rock and fill delivered to Bonnadventure. Police say Wilkerson's signature is on the invoice. The check was written to M & M Trucking on the account held by GCDC at Bank of Belle Glade.

Chief Miller said he tried for a week to contact GCDC Executive Director Autrie Moore Williams to get the documentation on the case. "She would neither confirm or deny the allegations, but referred us to their attorney," said Chief Miller. After repeated attempts to get the necessary documentation, Chief Miller said

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office.

After the recount, Miller and Wilkerson requested a reconvention of the Canvassing Board in Belle Glade at 5 p.m.

Many city residents found out about the 5 p.m. meeting and attended. The mostly white crowd filled the commission chambers and overflowed into the reception area.

The Canvassing Board is currently made up of the five city commissioners, which includes those commissioners affected by the election. When the city goes to a March election date in 2001, they will follow county guidelines which say the Canvassing Board should consist of two non-running elected officials, two citizens and one city staff member.

At the 5 p.m. Canvassing Board meeting, Mrs. Miller said she could not in good conscience relieve her duties until questions about the election were answered to her and Ms. Wilkerson's satisfaction. Mrs. Miller submitted a letter for the NAACP, signed by her daughter, Harva Miller, a member, that stated she had sat near the ballot box during the city's election Sept. 12 and counted all the ballots put into the city's one precinct box. She said the final vote tally done in the Supervisor of Elections office was "300 to 600 more cards" than she counted voters depositing their ballots. She said she only took a five minute break the entire day and had another person do the count while she was away from the box.

Wilkerson said she wants the city clerk to give her a written statement as to how city elections are conducted and the clerk's method of securing the ballots.

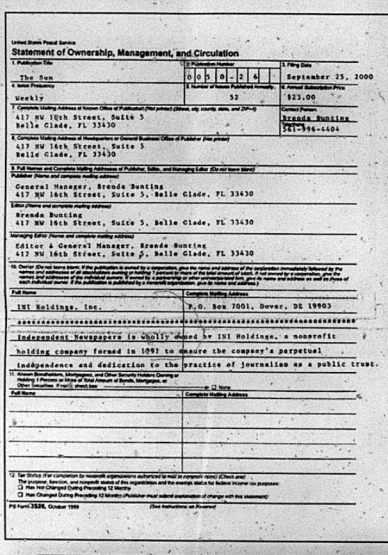
City Attorney Charles Schoech reiterated that the board was only permitted to address the recount issue and that the other issues would have to be addressed in civil court. City Clerk Buff read Statues 102.168 which states that any contesting of election results has to be made in circuit court within 10 days after the final official protest is filed with the Canvassing Board

The board then voted to accept the recount numbers.

Mr. Garrett and Mr. Hawkins addressed the crowd later in the evening and both said they want the city to move forward. "Let's put this all behind us," said Mr. Garrett. He went into the audience and offered his hand to Commissioner Steve Wilson, asking him to join with him and Hawkins to help unite the town. Mr. Wilson declined to join them at the front and said he would have comments to make later.

Mr. Hawkins addressed the crowd and reiterated that it was a fair and honest election. "We ran an aggressive campaign," he said. "Come on, people. Nobody stuffed the ballot box. Nobody illegally voted. We have laws and preventions that don't allow that. Had I not won the election, I would have bowed out gracefully and shook whomever's hand that won. I think this is a travesty for our city. We've come a long way in Belle Glade to try to bridge the community, both black and white, Hispanic and Latin. It's time to bury the hatchet."

The newly-installed commissioners will take their seats on the commission at the first regular commission meeting October 2.



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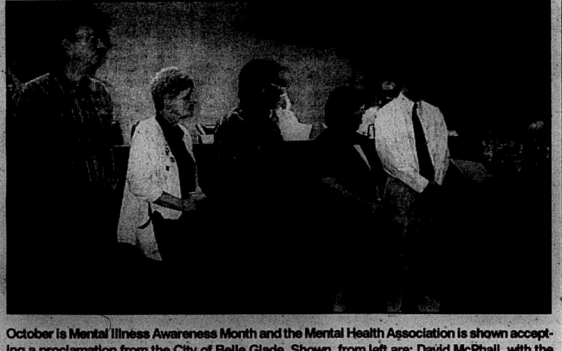

October is Mental Illness Awareness Month and the Mental Health Association is shown accepting a proclamation from the City of Belle Glade. Shown, from left are: David McPhail, with the Western Palm Beach Mental Health Clinic, Mary Weeks, RN, representing Glades General Hospital, Joe Amato Executive Director of the clinic, Janet Lord, Mental Health Associate, Tom Menard, Executive Director and former Mayor Harma Miller.

Wayne Mikell retires from Bank of Belle Glade

After leading the Bank of Belle Glade for more than 25 years Wayne Mikell is retiring

William Wayne Mikell, President and Board Member of the Bank of Belle Glade, Belle Glade, Florida will retire September 28.

His service began in 1963, when the Bank of Belle Glade opened. To meet the banking needs of the area, a group of community leaders established the Bank of Belle Glade and asked Wayne to be part of the team.

As a young man of 25, Wayne had already established himself in banking. He began his career with the Bank of Belle Glade, two months before it opened, as Vice President and Cashier. Following the retirement of Bank President E.B. McDaniel, Jr. in 1975, Wayne was elected President. In 1978, the Bank of Belle Glade opened a branch in South Bay to further service the area.

Mr. Mikell said, "From its opening day of business, the Bank of Belle Glade was rewarded by having the very finest customers to serve. Also, it has been a great pleasure for me to work with a dedicated staff and board of directors who were always conscientious and supportive."

Steve Prielozny, who has been at the Bank of Belle Glade for three years as Executive Vice President, has been named as Mr. Mikell's successor. Mr. Prielozny, like Mr. Mikell, believes strongly in providing the bank's customers with the best personal banking services available right here in their hometown.

Mrs. Dolly Hand, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the bank states, "It has been a privilege to work with Mr. Mikell. He has established excellent rapport with the entire board. We are truly grateful for his knowledge, expertise and leadership, which have sustained the high quality of this institution. We extend our very best wishes for an enjoyable and fulfilling retirement."

Pictured from left to right, Steve Prielozny is seen shaking hands with retiring Bank of Belle Glade President Wayne Mikell. Steve will succeed Mikell's place as the new President of the Belle Glade Bank.

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GCDC's attorney, Thomas Montgomery agreed to meet with law enforcement on Tuesday, Sept. 26. Attorney Montgomery, GCDC President Juanita Malone and Treasurer Gary Goggans presented the official notification of misappropriations of funds and the documentation to support the allegations.

"Let me say this," said Chief Miller, "The representatives of GCDC were the most reluctant victims I've ever dealt with."

Police say Wilkerson has paid the money back to GCDC for the paving of Bonnadventure's parking lot.

Wilkerson has a prior arrest record. According to the Tallahassee Police Department, Wilkerson was arrested in June of 1993 and charged with forgery, uttering a forged instrument and grand theft.

"The investigation is continuing and other charges may be filed," said Chief Miller.

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according to Mr. Schoech, cost the city up to a half million dollars if the city commission terminated him in the first six months. The city's charter specifies a city manager should be paid between 30 days and three months' pay if terminated. In addition to the severance package, Mr. Smith is asking for a housing allowance to pay for a home or rental in Belle Glade.

Smith was the top pick among seven applicants for Belle Glade City Manager, even though Riviera Beach declined to renew his contract in 1993. Mr. Smith currently is the director of administrative services for the Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security in Tallahassee.

HIV/AIDS Nurse of the Year is from Belle Glade Center

Violet Henry, RN, MSN a Nursing program Specialist at the C.L. Brumback Health Center was honored as the HIV/AIDS Nurse of the Year by the Florida Department of Health at its recent HIV/AIDS Pattern Care Conference in Tampa.

Mrs. Henry, employed since 1991 by the Palm Beach County Health Department at its Belle Glade Clinic, was recognized for consistently demonstrating a total commitment to her clients with a truly extraordinary level of caring and dedication. During the awards ceremony Gayle McLaughlin, RN, MSH, Nursing Consultant for the Department of Health's HIV/AIDS Bureau commented, "The first time I met Violet was during a Quality Inspection and after hearing her describe her patients needs and lifestyles, I was overwhelmed by her truly elegant sense of compassion and empathy."

Mrs. Henry received her initial nurses' training in England in 1963 and continued her education in New York where she received a Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration in 1977, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1982 and a Masters of Science in Nursing in 1985. In addition to her professional career Mrs. Henry is married, has raised two children and resides in Wellington.

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General Hospital where Jones, 25, was treated for an arm and leg injury and Snow, 24, was treated for a leg injury.

Belle Glade Firefighters responded to the crash and put out the fire and Belle Glade Police, worried that the train might be carrying flammable fertilizers, evacuated several residents in the nearby housing project of Osceola Center. Police were concerned about diesel fuel that had leaked from the diesel-powered train after the accident and about several hot batteries at the scene.

Judy Sanchez, spokesperson for U.S. Sugar said Monday afternoon the company is awaiting results of the investigation and she could not comment until the company had all the facts.

"We're just glad the men are not seriously hurt," she said.

The accident closed down a portion of Northwest Avenue L for most of the day Monday and officials say it could be several days before the track can be reopened.

SFWMD Board advisory to Lake O' water users

Water users in Miami-Dade, Broward and southern and central Palm Beach counties and the Florida Keys last Thursday were advised to voluntarily conserve water as the region heads into the traditional October-through-May dry season.

The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District also issued this "water-shortage warning" for voluntary conservation to users who draw water directly from Lake Okeechobee, that is, towns and farms around the lake and users along the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers, including Lee County.

The board's action—prompted by the continued low level of Lake Okeechobee, South Florida's backup water supply—is among a set of options included in the District's water-supply contingency plan, developed this summer to ensure adequate regional supplies until next summer.

"By issuing this regional advisory for voluntary cutbacks, we are advising all South Florida residents to conserve water now and year-round as a matter of habit," said Frank R. Finch, PE., District executive director. "We have adequate amounts of water in the Biscayne Aquifer and in the three water conservation areas for the short term as we near the dry season. However, Lake Okeechobee, our backup water source, remains low because of lower-than-expected summer rains."

The Governing Board also approved a $3,284,000 emergency budget transfer to implement several other water-supply contingency efforts, including a water-conservation education program.

Much of the money will pay for installing and operating 12 temporary submersible pumps to move water south from Lake Okeechobee if its level drops below nine feet. The lake's gates do not allow water to flow out of the lake by gravity below the nine-foot level.

The board also directed staff to use $500,000 to control exotic vegetation in about 2,500 acres in the lake. Sustained lower lake levels may spur more growth of invasive plants.

The District lowered lake Okeechobee by nearly a foot in May to protect its environmental health. Years of high water had threatened to eliminate the submerged vegetation that supports the lake's economically important fisheries. Significant improvements in the lake's ecological health have been reported. However, evaporation and normal water-supply deliveries also reduced the lake's level by another two feet. Today's lake level is approximately 11.8 feet above sea level.

The District developed the contingency options to reduce demand on the region's water supply and to deliver water through the canal system to where it could be stored. While regional rainfall has been below normal for the Lake Okeechobee service area during most of the summer, long-term climatic predictions are for nearly normal rainfall through the 2001 dry season.

The goals of the water-supply contingency plan are to reduce or delay the effects of a water shortage to share the impacts of a possible water shortage in the event of a drought, and to give residents advance notice of water conditions and potential restrictions for better planning.

"We wanted to lay all potential tools on the table before the dry season so we could be in the best position to manage the region's water resources," Mr. Finch said. "I want to thank the major water users—urban utilities and growers— whose contributions greatly assisted in our development of these options."

For more information on how to conserve water, check the District's web site at www.sfwmd.gov/newr/3_conserve.html for "50 Ways to Turn it Off."

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Community Focus

Speak Out

Speak out is our free 24-hour opinion line. Call 996-6636 to express your opinion or ask a question about public issues. You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

Recycling

"I vacationed in Michigan recently and noticed they have a good thing going on that Florida should consider.

You don't see cans or bottles littering the highways because they have a 10 cent deposit on them.

We have to pay for recycling here in Florida and our highways are very littered.

Our system is not working. Maybe we should consider what Michigan does."

Editor's note: We received a Speak Out call about the layoffs at United States Sugar Corporation. Please remember, US Sugar is a private business and does not fit the guidelines for Speak Out.

A new broom

"The accusations of election fraud and racial bias by ex-mayor Miller are defamatory and insulting. She lost by a whopping 600 votes. What part of loser does she not understand?

Because the black electorate totals 53 percent, Miller assumed lifetime job tenure. The voters, black and white, all victims of confiscatory tax increases and indifference to complaints, thought otherwise.

The Miller administration was marked with waste, selective job awards and mismanagement. Her resounding defeat at the polls was the voter's response to her inability to properly fulfill the office of mayor.

Prior to election day, thanks to the efforts of Garrett and Hawkins, the public was alerted to the impending crisis at city hall. The usual non-voters rallied in unprecedented numbers to send Miller and Wilkerson packing.

Congratulations to our new public officers. Yours is a monumental task. We hope and trust that you may restore our city to fiscal sanity.

A new broom they say, sweeps clean; city hall has long needed a good cleaning and fumigation as well.

-A jubilant voter."

Responding to guest opinion

"I'm a citizen of the City of Pahokee and I'm responding to last week's Guest Opinion about the gift that keeps on giving.

I applaud the young man for his support of the city, for volunteering his time and his support of Mr. and Mrs. Branch. I know both Mr. and Mrs. Branch and they are good people.

Saying all that, one of the comments he made said he volunteers his time every Saturday with Mr. Branch and he said he doesn't see any of the other commissioners.

I would like to remind him that Saturday is just one day and also that there are four gates to the City of Pahokee, north, south, east and west. He is on the east side, so he can't tell what other people are doing on the north, south or west side, so he can only speak about whatever side of town he is working on.

If we were to start giving people who are doing a good job, cleaning up one day or two days, and make them mayor of Pahokee, then we need to talk about a person who cleans, without prejudice, seven days a week, everywhere.

So, just a little schooling for Mr. David Ruiz: look both ways when you cross the street because what's on one side you can't see on the other side.

What you can't see, don't talk about."

More on the election

"This is in response to Mrs. Harma Miller calling this election one of the nastiest, raciest elections. If that's the case, Mrs. Miller, then you need to do the math on Belle Glade's population. The majority of this town is black. That means, Mrs. Miller, that your people did not stand up for you.

It is a shame that you have written to legislators to get things stirred up, only because of race and because you lost.

As for Rev. Harris, he calls himself a man of God. I don't think so, God was a peacemaker, not a peace breaker.

The citizens of Belle Glade need to take another look at the new city manager that Mrs. Miller has brought into this town. Why is he no longer employed for the City of Riviera Beach?

And why is it that no one wants to address the issue of the money owed by Glades Glen in water bills? As a citizen, I shouldn't have to pay what Glades Glen owes. Somewhere down the line, someone pocketed that money that all those people paid. The city needs to file an injunction against this bankruptcy.

Do you think if I don't pay my water bill my neighbor is going to be charged for it? No. What's the difference?

Also, Mrs. Miller, if you have a personal thing against Chief Miller then that's your business. The chief does a very good job and what he does is not easy.

It all boils down to the fact that you are out and that you won't have any of these people wrapped around your finger anymore, except for your new city manager, if you get him in."

Signs

"I want you to tell the people that the city's election is over and they need to go around and take all the signs down.

People get tired of looking at them year round. Tell them to take them down."

Time for a change

"Black, white, Hispanic, Arabic, you name it, are you not all sick of what lengths Harma Miller and Mary Ross Wilkerson will go to divide our small community?

No one cheated. They lost. It is also quite obvious to me, if not to them, that the entire community thought it was time for a change. It is my understanding that more black citizens voted than white, Hispanic and Arabic voters combined. Therefore, we did unite and have more in common than Harma and Mary give us credit for.

What we must all do, no matter what race we are, is to realize that the majority of us want to live in Belle Glade. We want our city cleaned up. We're angry about our water bills increasing due to Glades Glen having their bill get out of control with over half a million dollars past due and still growing, and lastly, we don't want adult entertainment in our town.

They are trying to get revenge by dividing our town with racism and hatred. If we allow this to happen, then we are in the wrong. Let's look past their smoke screen of racism and unite to work together to make our city one we can be proud of."

Editor's note: Vice Mayor Henry Crawford asked to respond to last week's Speak Out call about shell rock being delivered to his home. His response is: "The caller was correct about the shell rock. I did receive two loads of rock and the mayor received one load. The caller is incorrect on the day that this happened. The shell rock was delivered on a Thursday.

The city dump truck was utilized in hauling this rock. They have been hauling the shell rock throughout the city to fill pot holes, place beside sidewalks, etc. since 1982.

I paid for the city truck by the hour. I paid for the shell rock. All of the receipts for this can seen at city hall. This was done in the open, legally and above board."

Littering is unlawful

"How come people have to pay high fines for littering and one of our candidates can leave her flyers up on poles and when the wind or rain falls, the flyers fly everywhere? If she can have them put up, why can't she have them taken down."

Graceful exit

"Harma Miller needs to leave out gracefully. She was voted out legally."

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Florida KidCare can provide insurance for children of the unemployed

By **Terri Welchman**
KidCare Specialist

Florida KidCare sympathizes with U.S. Sugar employees who have recently lost their jobs. We want you to know you don't have to worry about health insurance for your children. Florida KidCare can help. Florida KidCare is health insurance for children newborn through 18, who are not covered by any other full coverage health insurance plan. Whether you are working, presently unemployed, or are staying at home, your children may be eligible for Florida KidCare.

Florida KidCare benefits include doctor visits, hospital services, emergency services, prescriptions, immunizations, surgeries, and more! Most families pay $15 a month; some families pay more or nothing at all. Premiums are based on family size and income.

A simple one-page, mail-in application is available in English, Spanish, and Creole. Once the application is completed, it is sent to Tallahassee in the return envelope provided with the application. No interview is needed! The application process takes about 6 to 8 weeks. Florida KidCare uses selected doctors, hospitals, therapists, and health plans to provide services.

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Depression screening available Oct. 5

By **Janet Lord**
Coordinator of Community Outreach and Education/Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County

The World Health Organization is mobilizing to better understand a disorder that has the potential to disable millions of people around the world, causing death, suffering, and impairing the ability to work and support a family. This disorder is increasingly common, devastating to the patient and shrouded in stigma. The illness is clinical depression, a psychological disorder involving both mind and body that strikes about 19 million Americans each year.

Depression does not discriminate. It can affect anyone at any age. The World Health Organization estimates that clinical depression will be the second leading cause of disability in the world by the year 2020, second only to heart disease.

Here in the United States, we are at an advantage. Public education about depression continues to increase and effective treatments are available. This is due, in part, to the establishment of National Depression Screening Day, a program designed to educate the public about depression and suicide, administer free depression screenings, and provide referrals for treatment and support services. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the program.

Symptoms of depression include a feeling of sadness, loss of pleasure in usual activities, changes in sleep and appetite, hopelessness, guilt, inability to concentrate and, in some cases, thoughts of death and suicide. These symptoms will not go away by themselves. Unfortunately, less than half of the people with depression receive treatment. When treatment is obtained, over 80% of depressed people show improvement within a few months.

What can we do? Taking advantage of National Depression Screening Day is a great way to start. I urge everyone in Belle Glade to learn about depression and what can be done about it. The screenings are free and anonymous, so you have nothing to lose. Glades General Hospital and West County Mental Health Center have joined together to provide this free program on Oct. 5. If you would like more information about times and locations of National Depression Screening Day sites, call the Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County at (561) 832-3755 or (561) 276-3581.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter written to the editor by Mr. Larry Wright concerning the statement he made telling Mr. Branch not to talk to citizens like they were his employees.

I want everyone to know that Mr. Wright is way off base!

I feel that I have been so fortunate as to have worked for Hugh H. Branch, Inc. for the past 28 years and I have never heard Mr. Branch talk down to any employee! He is a very caring and kind employer who cares about his employees.

He also cares about the future of Pahokee. That is why he decided to run for the council.

I hope that everyone who cares about Pahokee will band together and try to accomplish bringing Pahokee back to a flourishing city.

Joyce Riddle

Local information during Depression Awareness Day Oct. 5

By **David MacPhail, LMHC**
Western Palm Beach County Mental Health Clinic, Inc.

What do Tipper Gore, Mike Wallace and 19 million other Americans have in common? The answer is Clinical Depression. At first this may sound like very bad news, and it is. But the good news is that Clinical Depression can be treated very effectively. So this is the number one purpose of Depression Awareness Day-to get the good news out so that those affected can seek treatment and stop the spiraling effects of this very common problem.

On Thursday, Oct. 5, you can find out if you may be one of these 19 million Americans. Western Palm Beach County Mental Health in close cooperation with Glades General Hospital will be setting up screening stations at several locations in Belle Glade. By merely filling out a questionnaire and participating in a short interview with a Mental Health Professional you can determine whether or not you suffer from this very treatable ailment. Fifteen minutes could determine the quality of your life for years to come. These screenings are absolutely confidential and they are free.

Area locations

Glades General Hospital, 1201 South Main Street from 7-9 a.m. to 4-6 p.m.; County Health Department, 38754 State Road 80 from 8-10 a.m.; Belle Glade Senior Center 2916 State Road 15 from 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Glades Diamond 100 Downs Circle (behind Winn Dixie) 2-3:45 p.m.

Coffee and/or soft drinks and snacks will be provided at all locations courtesy of U-Save Supermarket, Dunkin' Donuts, Glades General Hospital and Western Palm Beach County Mental Health. Video equipment is courtesy of White's Radio and T.V.

Depression warning signs

Everyone experiences a day or two when they "have a case of the blues". The term Clinical Depression is used only when the feeling of sadness continues for weeks or months. Often the person's daily functioning is impacted by excessive feelings of hopelessness. Clinical Depression should be treated by a mental health professional.

How would a person have an idea that they may suffer from Clinical Depression? There are many signs. The most obvious is that the person looks and/or acts sad. This may be apparent through a drawn face, tearful eyes or crying spells. Many people just don't want to get out of bed in the morning either because they have no energy, could not sleep or have no interest in what the day may have to offer.

Other warning can include feelings of not being useful to self and/or others; having a hard time concentrating, making decisions or just not being able to think. Additionally, the person may feel there is no hope for the future. This warning is particularly dangerous because it may lead to thoughts of killing oneself, an actual suicide attempt or suicide.

Often men and women, but especially men, will try to escape the pain that they feel when depressed by turning to drugs and alcohol. Of course, the original problem has now become two problems-Clinical Depression and Substance Abuse or Dependence.

Effective treatments

According to many studies the most effective treatment for depression is a combination of counseling and medicine. For milder depressions counseling may be enough. Both counseling and medicine must take into account the individual needs of the person being served. There are many counseling techniques and there are many medications. Some work with some individuals better than with others. It is extremely important that the counselor and/or the doctor establish a good relationship with the individual in order to choose together the most effective techniques and/or medicines.

We hope that the above is helpful in your decision to take advantage of the Depression Awareness Screenings being offered on Oct. 5. Whether or not you are able to participate, please know that Western Palm Beach County Mental Health is your community Mental Health Clinic. We are here to serve you twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. If you cannot participate in Depression Awareness Day, you may arrange a consultation with a counselor by calling 992-1330 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. After hours, emergency evaluations are available at our Crisis Unit, 808 NW Avenue "D", or call 992-1336. For further information about Depression Screening Day please call 992-1330.

Guest Opinion

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— David MacPhail

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Arrest Blotter

Belle Glade

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 624 calls, issued 64 traffic citations and made 20 arrests the week of Sept. 18-24. Those arrested included:

Sept. 18 - Casandra Simmons, 43, possession of drug paraphernalia; **Evelina Harrell**, 38, possession of drug paraphernalia

Sept. 19 - Gilbert Miller, 18, battery on law enforcement officer; **Tyjuan Shannonhouse**, 22, throwing a deadly missile into an occupied vehicle; **Juvenile**, 17, warrant; **Willie Frank Barnes**, 22, warrant, aggravated stalking

Sept. 20 - Jose Gomez, 18, aggravated stalking; **John Kenneth Combass**, 45, opposing and obstructing justice; **George Baker Jr.**, 42, retail theft, carrying a concealed weapon; **Leroy Noble**, 31, loitering and prowling

Sept. 21 - Willie Green, 26, failure to appear retail theft; **Desees Jean, I.**, failure to appear driving while license suspended/revoked

Sept. 22 - Bernita McCoy, 30 possession of drug paraphernalia; **Tony Wayne Shults**, 42, possession of cocaine; **Texemien Francois**, 48, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon

Sept. 23 - Carlos Dennard, 30, violation of supervised released, two counts of resisting arrest with violence, two counts of resisting arrest without violence; **Marcus Thomas**, 26, domestice battery; **Curtis Leon Hill**, 32, exposure of sexual organs; **Danny Lee Haynes**, 37, disorderly conduct on the premises of an establishment

Sept. 24 - Ulysses Iverson, 49, burglary of a dwelling, aggravated battery

Pahokee

The Pahokee Police Department handled 147 calls, issued 8 traffic citations and made 6 arrests the week of Sept. 18-24. Those arrested included:

Sept. 18 - No arrests

Sept. 19 - No arrests

Sept. 20 - Jamil Kahok, 45, obstructing and opposing a police officer

Sept. 21 - Juvenile, 13, assault, harassing telephone calls; **Amanda Huff**, 20, stalking; **Derrie Johnson**, 20, aggravated battery; **Everett Banton Jr.**, 24, burglary to a residence criminal mischief, petit theft

Sept. 22 - No arrest

Sept. 23 - No arrest

Sept. 24 - Robert Starks, 37, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, warrant for affray

South Bay

The South Bay Police Department made 15 arrests. Those arrested included:

Sept. 17 - Anthony L Perkins, 22, warrant arrest misdeameanor contempt of court

Sept. 18 - Ralph E Manning, 40, warrant felony aggravated assault/weapon

Sept. 19 - Georgiana Y Williams, 40, drug possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Michael S Harper**, 35, domestic order violation of injunction/domestic

Sept. 20 - Jose R Fajardo-Casca, 29, habitual traffic

Sept. 21 - Raymond L Allen, 30, drug possession of marijuana under 20 grams driving with license suspended; **Brodrick K Burse**, 28, battery/spouse simple domestic battery; **Antwon L Perry**, 23, warrant contempt of court misdeameanor

Sept. 23 - Darrly L Gibbons, 37, warrant driving with license suspended or revoked; **Van T Grant**, 31, drug possession marijuana; **James E Bowers**, 24, drug possession marijuana; **Terik K Cosby**, 18, drug possession marijuana; **Evelynn L Graves**, 21, drug possession marijuana; **Ebony A Edwards**, 18, drug possession marijuana.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Arrests

Sept. 18 - Juan Zavala, 30, Belle Glade, warrant for failure to appear trespassing.

Sept. 19 - Saquana S. Hughes, 22, Bell Glade, domestic.

Sept. 20 - Sharon Jackson Seymoure, 33, Pahokee, passing counterfeit and forged checks; **William C. Watkins**, 47, Canal Point, misuse of 911, violation of no contact order.

Sept. 21 - Derick Rios, 19, West Palm Beach, grand theft, arson.

Sept. 22 - Willie Cole, 24, Belle Glade, driving while license suspended.

Sept. 23 - Robert Mobley, 38, Pahokee, order of commitment; **William Richardson**, 29, felony driving while license suspended; **Ed Garcia**, 18, no address given, warrant.

Crime Stoppers

Arthur Lee McCloud

Arthur Lee McCloud

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Arthur Lee McCloud** who is wanted for Violation of Probation: Lewd Assault.

McCloud is a black male, 6'1" tall, and weighs 165 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. His date of birth is Aug. 1, 1976.

His last known address was 612 SW Ave. F, Apt. 10, Belle Glade. His occupation is plumbing. McCloud's warrant was active as of Sept. 20, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Arthur Lee McCloud, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive cash reward of up to $1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest.

Speak Out, cont.

Change in moral thinking, not color.

"I would like to comment on Mayor Harma Miller's accusations that the recent election in Belle Glade was racially motivated. It was not racially motivated. Racism did not rear it's ugly head. This is not Selma or Birmingham in 1963. Face it, the citizens of Belle Glade wanted a change. That doesn't mean a change in color; it means a change in moral thinking. And the change comes in the names of Jeff Hawkins and Don Garrett."

Press box installation

"I'm a loyal fan of the Glades Central Raiders and I would like to know, when will a press box be installed at stadium? There was a new score board donated, why not put the board up at the end of the field or at the concession stand instead of letting it sit and gather rust and spider webs. It will be very nice if a large facility was built onto the stadium that would include more restrooms, a concession stand and, on the field, locker rooms. It's so sad to know that track and soccer seasons are over and you still see track equipment and soccer goals on the field. When the stadium was first built, the fans of Glades Central were told, when the first set of bleachers were installed, that was phase one. Well, we're still waiting for phase two. The fans of Glades Central should be able to watch the game at a top-notch stadium like Trans-Powell Stadium. We deserve it."

Segregation

"This is reference to the political debate in Belle Glade recently. As everyone knows, Belle Glade is a very segregated town. The majority of the white children in Belle Glade attend Glades Day, which for all sense and purpose was a school created just so that white people wouldn't have their children go to school with black kids. It's okay because it seems the people in Belle Glade have no problem with this. Recently, due to the city elections, it seems as though the racial conflict has reached a peak. Mary Wilkerson, Steve Wilson, and Harma Miller were all identified as people who were causing problems for the City of Belle Glade. I find it strange, but anytime conflict arises, the people who claim that they don't have a problem racially always choose the same three black commissioners every time. Also, for those people who have complaints about Bonn-adventure, to think that this was the first and only time adult entertainment has gone on in Belle Glade. We have numerous clubs and venues where this has happened and the police are aware of it. It's just now, because of the political climate and the elections, that something was done about it. I think that after the mayor is in Belle Glade, we need to wake up and pay more attention to what is going on. I don't necessarily want Harma Miller and I don't necessarily agree with the commissioners, but what I do realize is that whites in Belle Glade want only white commissioners. They are not for all citizens. Until we find people who really want to represent all of Belle Glade, you are going to have the conflict that you're having now. And for those of you that do not see it, all you have to do is take a ride to Winn-Dixie or some other restaurant or one of the local restaurants and look. How many black and whites do you actually see conversing with each other on a daily basis? It's not happening. There is a reason for that; this is a very racist and segregated town. It's only going to get worse unless someone acknowledges it and starts making the effort to mend it. Unless we work as a city together, we will fall and divide into two sides: a black and a white side and anyone else will have to choose sides."

Responding to Speak Out

"This is Chief Gary Frachette, Chief of Police of Pahokee. I'd like to respond to the Speak Out in regards to the officer in Pahokee speeding. What would assist me greatly in my administration is if individuals who observe Pahokee police officers violating traffic laws for any reason, please get the date, the time and the number of the vehicle. The vehicle numbers are located on the roof and the rear of the vehicle. Just give me that number, the date and the time and we'll be more than happy to deal with the situation. We would like to make sure that all the citizens of Pahokee and the citizens of the Glades understand that we'll abide by the same laws that we enforce. We will take action, but again we would appreciate the time and the date and the number of the vehicle that citizens are observing violating traffic laws."

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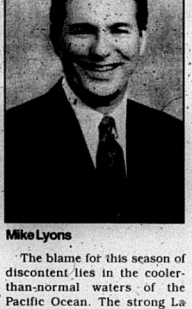

Mike Lyons

Sometimes Mother Nature can have terrible timing. A cloudy, wet weekend is a good example. (There is an old joke in the weather business about weekend washouts: What follows two days of rain? The answer is Monday, of course.)

Occasionally, however, the timing of weather patterns is just about perfect. Such was the case last Friday, September 22, the official beginning of autumn, 2000.

More importantly, it was the end to one of the worst summers of weather in United States history. It was a summer that will be remembered for devastating wildfires, the worst drought in 50 years and the cooler-than-normal temperatures of the East.

As the seasons changed on that Friday afternoon, so did the nation's weather patterns-at least, in the northern Rockies. Heavy snow and bone-numbing temperatures swept across Montana and Wyoming. Cheyenne, Wyoming recorded over 10 inches of snow.

It was a preview of coming attractions, and a reminder that dramatic weather changes were just around the corner. The timing could not have been better, after all, just about everyone wants to forget the summer of 2000. It was a three-month period that will go down in the record books.

More than 6.8 million acres of land was scorched by wildfires, record heat and drought, which rivaled the Dust Bowl of the 1930's, affected the Southwest, West and Southeast. Dallas, Texas recorded 84 consecutive days without rain.

In the Northeast, it was the year without summer. Washington D.C., New York and Philadelphia experienced their coolest summer in nearly 30 years.

The blame for this season of discontent lies in the cooler-than-normal waters of the Pacific Ocean. The strong La Nina, which began over three years ago, changed weather patterns worldwide, producing the unusual weather of summer, 2000.

The La Nina also helped enhance the tropics, leading to an abundance of tropical storms and hurricanes the last three seasons.

But, like those snowflakes in Montana, big changes are underway. The La Nina is gone and scientists do not expect it or its climatic opposite, El Nino to influence global weather patterns for the next nine months.

It means a return to more normal weather, but normal means a weather pattern full of surprises. Unlike last winter's predictable La Nina, which meant warm and dry conditions for Florida, the long-term climate patterns will be more uncertain this year.

"We are at a turning point for our climate pattern," said NOAA administrator James Baker. "The climate shift is one that we are continuing to study, but we know that without the influence of La Nina or El Nino, seasonal forecasting is more difficult."

Still, NOAA's autumn forecast for Florida looks like a continuation of this year's pattern: warm and dry. What about winter? That prediction is still being formulated, but an average winter in Florida is typically the envy of the nation.

Of course, there are always surprises. And without an El Nino or La Nina as a guide, look for a lot of surprises in the coming months. (Mike Lyons is the chief weather specialist for WPBF-TV).

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Gove Cat Talk

I got caught being good!

The following students were "caught being good" during the first week of the program. Erin Chancey, Annette Silva, Claudia Garcia, Eaton Spence, Claribel Aguayo, and Garett Collier. The program emphasizes positive behavior at all times. Students "caught being good" are awarded with a ticket making them eligible for a drawing to participate in a weekly luncheon with the principal and assistant principal. The first "I got caught being good" luncheon was held last Friday, Sept. 15. To those students selected, congratulations for a job well done!

Scholastic Book Fair a huge success

The fall book fair was very successful and we thank you for your support. The money collected will be used to purchase additional supplies and materials for the media center. A second book fair has been scheduled for the spring. We encourage the students to start saving their money for another great event. Again, thanks for all that you do for the benefit of our students and our school.

Open House a huge success

We would like to thank all of the parents who attended Open House on Sept. 12 and Sept. 19. This was the beginning of a great journey in which parents are encouraged to participate. Parents were issued a "Passport to Learning" which we hope they save for the future visits to the school. On each subsequent visit, the passport will be stamped and the parents collecting the most stamps will be eligible for a grand prize drawing at the end of our journey. Again, thanks for your continued support.

Upcoming Events

10/02 Family Center Open House

10/05 PTO at 6:30 p.m.

Xi Iota Alpha Chapter meets

The Xi Iota Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its first meeting of the year at First Community Bank in Belle Glade on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Jeanelle Meredith was the hostess. In appreciation of two years of service as President, Irma Goggans presented Vera Robinson with a wonderful scrapbook full of fond memories and fantastic pictures. Great job, Irma!

The Officers for 2000-2001 are as follows: President-Micah Corbin, Vice President-Irma Goggins, Secretary-Rosemary Buchanan, Treasurer-Jeanelle Meredith, Corresponding Secretary-Debbie Williams, and Extension Officer-Vera Robinson. The Committee Chairwomen are as follows: Ways & Means-Karen McCarthy, Program-Jody Hindman, Publicity/Historian-Kelly L. Smith, Remembrance-Debbie Williams, Social-Jeanelle Meredith, Membership-Irma Goggins, Contact-Rosemary Buchanan, and Service-Leigh Woodham.

On Aug. 26, our Beginning Day social was held in Lake Placid at the new lake home of Ken and Vera Robinson. Food and fun were top priority, and a great time was had by all. What a wonderful start for the new year-Go Xi Iota Alpha!

Nu Kappa Chapter elects new officers

The Nu Kappa chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met for its Beginning Day social at the home of Elizabeth Harrington last week. New officers were elected and are Julie Zambory, President; Betty Hodges, Vice President; Elizabeth Harrington, Treasurer; Nora Ornelas, Recording Secretary; Marsha Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Tina Herring, Extension Officer. The members revealed who their secret sisters were and exchanged gifts. In attendance were Elizabeth Harrington, Julie Zambory, Nora Ornelas, Marsha Smith, Betty Hodges and Becky White.

Laureate Gamma Zeta hold 'Beginning Day' luncheon

The Laureate Gamma Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi of Belle Glade held their "Beginning Day" luncheon at the home of Mrs. Francis Cross of Stuart. It was a very festive occasion beginning with shrimp cocktail and other goodies. The group enjoyed drawings for door prizes.

After the business meeting the group went to Miles Grant Country Club where the luncheon was served and three members Helen Aspey, Jeannette Cearley and guest Eva Spooner were honored with birthday cakes.

Members of Laureate Gamma Zeta Sorority met at the home of Mary Frances Burks Sept. 12. Nine members were present. A very interesting program was presented by Edie Kirchman entitled "ABC's of Organized Clutter."

Members of Laureate Gamma Zeta attended a 'Beginning Day' luncheon at the Miles Grant County Club. Pictured left to right are Vivian Pate, Helen Aspey, Jeannette Cearley, Jeannette Dexter, Mary Frances Burke, Edie Kirchman, Echo Painter and Gene Cross. Seven members were not present.

Live entertainment and barbecue

Holly Rene, a former Pahokee girl, will be traveling to Las Vegas next month, Oct. 16-23 to compete in the Country Music Organizations of America 14th Annual American Eagle Awards. Holly is a junior at Okeechobee High School, but will be representing the Glades as a competitor from the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Country Music Association. She will vie for the title of Gospel Female Vocalist of the Year.

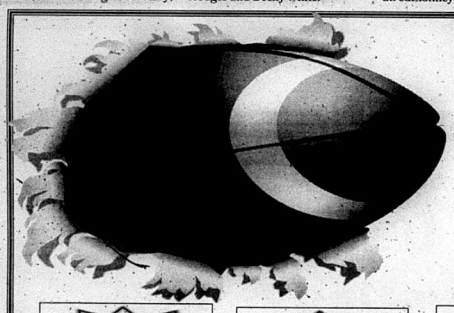
To help defray the many expenses of the trip, (which includes the flight, motel accommodations, and a required fee for the backup band), there will be a benefit chicken barbecue and concert at the Pahokee First United Methodist Church on Sept. 30 from 2-5 p.m. The menu consists of 1/4 chicken, potato salad, baked beans, bread and iced tea, and live entertainment by Holly Rene is included in the price of the $6 donation. The church is located at 491 East Main Street, Pahokee and all the festivities will take place at the fellowship hall. All the proceeds will go toward the trip to the national competition.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, phone (561) 924-7241 or you may email Holly at: cdmohney@okeechobee.com.

Pahokee Rotary Club

Photo submitted

The Pahokee Rotary Club welcomed new members at their regular meeting last Thursday. Pictured from left are Vice President Craig Corbly, new members Connie Diaz of Pahokee Middle Senior High School and Chief Gary Frechette of the Pahokee Police Department and Rotary President Elizabeth Cayson. Also joining the club, but not pictured, were Eddie Honeycutt of Video Movies and Larry Stephens of First Community Bank.



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Boynton's named co-chairs of Palms West Heart Ball

Mr. Tom Dongilla, president of the Palms West Division of the American Heart Association, has announced that Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ewing will be the Co-Chairs of the Tenth Annual Palms West Heart Ball. Co-Chairs, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Boynton Mr. and Mrs. Ken Foster will also join the Ewings. This year's Heart Ball will be held on March 3, at Wycliffe Golf and Country Club, in addition, a special honoree of this event will be announced shortly.

Mr. Bobby Ewing and wife B.J. have a long history of commitment to the Western Communities of the Palm Beaches. Together with the Boyntons and the Fosters they are all committed to fighting cardiovascular disease and stroke, Florida's leading killer.

"We are delighted that the Ewings, Boyntons and Fosters have accepted the important responsibility of chairing this year's Heart Ball," said Mr. Dongilla. "Under their leadership, the American Heart Association will move even closer to its mission of reducing cardiovascular disease and stroke," Mr. Dongilla concluded.

"The American Heart Association is an organization I believe in strongly," said Mr. Ewing. "I believe in its mission and I believe that through events like the Heart Ball we can make a difference in saving the lives of Western Community residents. It is my honor and privilege to be a Co-Chair of this year's Heart Ball," added Mr. Ewing.

Each year, the Heart Ball raises funds to advance the work of the American Heart Association, a not-for-profit health organization. For more information about this year's Heart Ball, contact the American Heart Association at (561) 655-8155.

Ben Boynton, son of Wayne Boynton of Belle Glade, and his wife Joanna will co-chair Palms West Heart Ball in March. Pictured are back row left to right: Mr. Ben Boynton, Mr. Ken Foster and Mr. Bobby Ewing. Front row from left to right: Mrs. Joanna Boynton, Mrs. Anita Foster and Mrs. B.J. Ewing.

Annual PBCC/Glades Campus Golf Tourney slated for Oct. 21

The 14th Annual PBCC/Glades Campus "Scholarship" Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course. You can be a part of this scholarship effort this year. Proceeds from the tournament help Glades area students with tuition, fees and textbooks.

A member of the Golf Committee will contact area businesses in the next few weeks about being a sponsor and/or donor for the 2000 golf tournament.

Sponsorship: With a sponsorship of $100, posters promoting your business are placed on the fairways, and your business is listed in the tournament program. Checks for sponsorships (payable to PBCC/Glades Foundation) can be mailed to PBCC/Glades Campus, 1977 College Drive, Belle Glade, FL 33430-3699. For more information, call Susan or Ana in Dr. Franke's office, 992-6167.

Donor: Provides items for raffle and prizes.

Players: Players can contact the golf course for more information at 996-6605.

Registration will be at 8 a.m., tee-off at 9 a.m. and/or the awards presentation at 1:30 p.m. (approximate).

Harrell selected as semi-finalist in model search

Nikita K. Harrell, daughter of Earlyne R. Harrell and Freddie L. Harrell of Belle Glade, competed against approximately 300 African-American women at a model call in New York City. Nikita was one of fifteen semi-finalists selected to appear on the cover of Essence Magazine.

The fifteen semi-finalists competed in a fashion show during which they received makeovers by renowned make-up artists and hair stylists used by Essence Magazine. The semi-finalists also competed in a question-answer segment. Ms. Harrell was asked, "If you are chosen to appear on the cover of Essence Magazine, what would you remind readers that Essence represents?"

Nikita's response was, "Essence is read worldwide by women of color. I would remind readers that the new millenium marks the magazine's 25th anniversary and Essence continues to promote sisterhood, unity and self-empowerment. Essence also continues to represent the diverse appearances and inner strength of African-American women of all socio-economic backgrounds."

Though Ms. Harrell was not chosen as a finalist to continue to compete for the cover appearance, the possibility remains to appear in one of the monthly issues of Essence in the year 2000. Ms. Harrell said the experience was very positive and, most importantly, very fun.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Gladys Williams celebrated her 90th birthday Sept. 16 with her nine children, Christine Harper, Flora Barns, Joe Lee Williams, Troy Williams, Lorine Mosley, Wilma Mosley, Douglas Williams, Glenn Williams and Leonard Williams. Also attending the celebration were Mrs. Williams' 27 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren and nine great great grandchildren as well as other friends and relatives.

Soul Winners Conference

National Soul Winners Conference starts Oct. 1 at Miracle Temple.

Reverend Alvin Nichols invites everyone to attend the National Soul Winners Conference beginning the week of Oct. 1 at Miracle Temple, 104 S.W. 16th Street (SR 715), Belle Glade. Services with national evangelist Rev. Carroll Allen will begin Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and will continue nightly through the week at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Come expecting a miracle.

Harrington makes the Dean's List

Joseph Harrington of Canal Point has been placed on the Dean's List for the Summer II Semester of the 1999-2000 school year at Indian River Community College.

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Wellington defeats Pahokee

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

In a game where the Pahokee Blue Devils outdid the Wellington Wolverines in overall passing yards, Pahokee was plagued with over 20 penalties resulting in 166 yards lost; allowing the hometown Wolverines to emerge victorious against visiting Blue Devils.

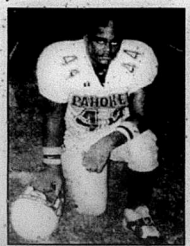
Pahokee never quite managed to reciprocally answer to the Wolverines ongoing onslaught.

Pahokee's brightest moment might have come when Curry Pride, #17 RB, ran for 70 yards to score a touchdown. Other moments included William Jenkins', #8 QB/FS, touchdown in the first quarter and his fourth quarter score. Pahokee proved they may be beaten, but not destroyed as they showed no signs of slowing down, giving the Wellington Wolverines a very well-earned win; nothing was handed over.

It goes without saying that the Blue Devils will continue to practice like they've been doing so far; the whole team is very attentive and disciplined, according to Head Coach John Ford.

Pahokee will play against Pope John Paul on Sept. 29 in a home game at 7:30 p.m.

The Pahokee Blue Devils will not fade away and don't be surprised if they begin to win and won't falter until the season ends. The Muck Bowl Nov. 10 against Glades Central might also prove to be one of the most enjoyable Muck Bowls in recent years.



Keyonvis Bouie, #44 FB/LB, can be seen taking a knee in the game against the Wellington Wolverines.

Harold Decembre, #30 RB; Javian Golphin, #90; Brantley Sisnett, #4 LB and Gerrod Thompson, #5 TE/LB are on the sidelines waiting to head into the next play of the game.

Glades Day junior high football game

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

The Glades Day Junior High football Gators defeated Moore Haven on last Thursday, Sept. 21, at Glades Day football field. The Gators continue marking their undefeated winning streak with Thursday's game.

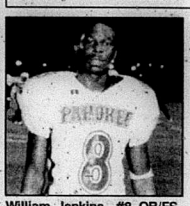
The Gators won 6-0, shutting out the Moore Haven team. The team's season record is now 2-0.

Justin Garrett, #10 QB/DB, rushed for 70 yards and one touchdown; Manuel Ceniceros, #68 DT/OL, Justin Bartholomew, #50 LB/C, and Scott Robinson, #80 TE/DE were outstanding on defense, holding Moore Haven to under 20 total yards, informed Coach Pete Paulus.

The team's next game will be against Evangelical, away, today at 4 p.m.

"We must work hard to improve our timing and execution on offense," answered Coach Paulus when asked about the method he was going to use against Evangelical to gain the victory.

The Glades Day Junior High football team includes Josh Dean (#5), Jesús Aleman (#8), Justin Garrett (#10), Nick Wingate (#11), JT Frankenfield (#12), Bruce Barnes (#15), Johnathan Dixon (#20), Anthony Sandlin (#21), Daniel Cavazos (#22), Micah Paige (#40), Justin Bartholomew (#50), Brent Allen (#64), Charlie Bahrouth (#66), Manuel Ceniceros (#68), Jasper Santos (#69), Lee Gay (#70), Johnathan Hofer (#77), Scott Robinson (#80) and Gary Chancey (#88).



William Jenkins, #8 QB/FS, takes time out of the game to pose for the camera.

Pahokee Saints upset Packers

By Bobby Walker, Jr.

The Western Community Football League (WCFL) Pahokee Saints defeated the Royal Palm Beach Packers 28-0 in action Saturday. While the entire team did a fantastic job, standout performances were turned in by #89 Antavious Wilson, #1 Januarys Jenkins, #33 Javoris Lee, and #12 Anthony Shepard.

On the first play of the game, the Saints defense forced a fumble on the kickoff and Jenkins (#1) returned it for a touchdown. The Saints also had a great offensive line who cleared the way for a touchdown by #33 Javoris Lee. The Saints defensive line was too strong for the Packers, and so they punted the ball, but Jenkins broke for daylight and ran for 50 yards before being dragged down by the packers. Quarterback Shepard hit two key plays for the touchdown. The Pahokee Saints are coached by Coach James Scott and Coach Herbert Crawford, Jr.

Glades Central Raiders now 4-0

The Glades Central Raiders have been experiencing a fantastic football season thanks in no small part to their Head Coach Willie Bueno and his staff of coaches. They have helped form this year's team into a complete success story.

The Glades Central Raiders now stand as the state-wide leader in consecutive games won. The Raiders now have a flawless season record of 4 wins with no losses, 24 wins in a row.

That record was maintained during last Friday's away game against Forest Hill.

On Friday's game, Forest Hill was quieted throughout all four quarters of the game; Glades Central won the game 53-0.

The players from the Raiders football team displayed an amazing amount of talent and discipline instilled in them by their hometown coaches. Keith Gruber, #1 RB, lead the team in rushing with 8 rushes totaling 117 yards; light years ahead of Forest Hill's rushing leader, Lockett, who rushed 10 times with only 23 completed yards. Displaying an overwhelmingly good performance in passing was Raiders' Quarterback Curtis Holley, # 18, who enabled the team to enjoy their most recent win following a complete demonstration of his passing ability against Forest Hill. Johari Harold, #23 DB caught a ball from teammate Leon Camel, #11 QB, and ran for a 53 yard touchdown in the first quarter.

Forest Hill fought through and through, but were no match for the Glades Central Raiders.

"We're playing pretty good, we're getting better every week," commented the Raiders' Head Coach Willie Bueno.

It still stands to be asked, "Who will dethrone the current kings of football?" A question whose answer might not come in quite a while.

Keith Gruber, #1 RB, scored a touchdown after catching a pass from Quarterback Leon Camel, #11 (not shown), and was the offensive player of the week.

John Miller, #66 OL, played his best, along with the majority of the team, to help the Raiders shutout Forest Hill 53-0; he was "Big A" defensive player of the week.

Glades Day Gators beat King's Academy Lions

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

The Glades Day Gators shutout the King's Academy Lions in an away game last Friday night.

Coach Dobson led the team to their third victory and third shutout of the season along, of course, with the help of the Glades Day Gators. The Gators were able to score 35 points to the Lions' 0.

Ethan Brunson, #31 K/DB, and Nick Sanchez, #3 TR/DB, both scored in the first quarter. Sanchez went on to score in the second quarter along with Brannan Thomas, #15 TB/DB who caught a pass from Kyle McNamara, #10 QB/P. Eric Molares scored a touchdown in the third quarter from a run.

The next team the Gators will play against is Benjamin. The game will be played at Gator home territory and will start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept 29.

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Rick Gold	31	8
Billy Rimes	31	8
Adrian "Big A" Vereen	29	10

This Week's Games

The underlined team has the home field advantage.

Pahokee *vs.* Pope John Paul
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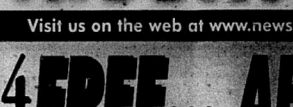

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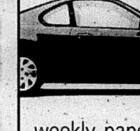

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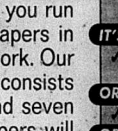

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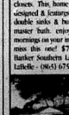

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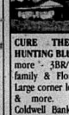

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Glades Ebonique Ladies sponsor breakfast

The Glades Ebonique Ladies Club (GELs) will sponsor a breakfast for the City of Pahokee Football League Oct. 7 at 8 a.m. in the old Pahokee High School Cafeteria.

The breakfast is organized for the 60 boys playing on the Little League football teams and the 30 cheerleaders. Parents, relatives and other invited guests will attend.

The GELs will be assisting in the preparation of the breakfast.

For more information contact Herbert Crawford or Ronald Osborne of the City of Pahokee Recreation Department.

HSCT test offered at GCCHS

The adult version of the high school competency test (HSCT) will be given at Glades Central Community High School on October 4 and 5 at 4 p.m. Adults planning to take the test must register in advance at the Adult and Community Education office and have a valid Florida Driver License or Identification card. For more information, call 993-4404.

Free college tuition

The Take Stock in Children program provides free college tuition for qualified Seventh Grade students at Lake Shore Middle School and Pahokee Middle/Senior High School.

Parents who have participated in the AFDC or WAGES program in the past four years and have a child in the seventh grade at one of these two schools and meetings the financial guidelines can qualify for the free tuition for their child.

Students must commit to maintaining a "C" average, have good behavior, say no to crime and drugs and have a good attendance record.

Applications are available in the school guidance departments.

For more information, call Gwenette Royals at the Communities In Schools at 992-7545 or the CIS office in Lake Worth at (561) 582-0820.

Date change

The Lupus Foundation has a new meeting date for the Glades Area Lupus Support Group.

Beginning this month, the group will meet the second Saturday of each month. The meetings will be held from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Glades General Hospital.

Lupus is an auto immune disease that affects more than 1.5 million-Americans. There is no cure, however, treatment is available. Those who attend the meetings will find a relaxed, friendly atmosphere in which to share feelings and learn more about lupus. The group meetings are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 1-800-339-0586.

Reading Challenge

Reading is its own reward but during National Library Card Sign Up

Month in September, there's extra incentive for young readers.

"The Eighth Annual McDonalds Reading Challenge." With support from the Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast county libraries, the Reading Challenge encourages children in grades K-5 to visit their libraries throughout the month of September. Children who sign up for a valid library card or show proof of a library card will receive free McDonalds food on each of three visits. Completed Reading Challenge cards qualify children for a prize drawing, including gift certificates to Target stores, Museum gift packs and dictionaries from Houghton Mifflin Publishing. Over 10,000 children throughout Palm Beach and the Treasure Coast participated in the McDonalds Reading Challenge program last year.

McDonalds launched the program as a way to encourage kids to discover all the library has to offer. It is a natural extension of McDonalds continued commitment to education and family issues, supported in the Palm Beach County market by McDonalds owners/operators Jim Booth, Keith Melton, Steve Nesbit and Paul Raffa. Library systems in Okeechobee, Indian River, St. Lucie counties are participating, in addition to many city libraries in the Palm Beach County area. Ronald McDonald will be making appearances at selected locations.

Girl Scouts seeking adult volunteers

On any given day, you might find Girl Scouts building homes for the homeless, visiting nursing home residents, playing tennis or soccer, learning to protect the environment, or canoeing down the Loxahatchee River. Girl Scouts can do anything; but without volunteer leadership, they don't ever get the chance.

Troop Leaders are the backbone of Girl Scouting. They provide an accepting and nurturing environment where girls build character and skills for success in the real world. Working in partnership with these committed adults, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own self-worth.

Girl Scouts of Palm Glades Council, Inc., a United Way agency, is looking for adult volunteers to serve as troop leaders and in other leadership roles. The time commitment and the hours are flexible, and all training is provided. You don't have to have a daughter in Girl Scouts in order to get involved—you just have to want to help girls grow strong.

For more information about Girl Scouting and how you can get involved, call the Girl Scouts at (561) 582-5326 or (800) 432-1453, or visit our Website at www.palmgladesgirlscouts.org.

Help packets available

The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit's Self Help Center has added forms/packets on landlord and tenant actions to its collection. The new packets are "Residential Eviction" and "Residential Eviction with Damages." Plans for the additional County Court packets are underway along with plans to make packets/forms available at public libraries throughout the county. The Self-Help Centers are located at 2976 State Road #15 Belle Glade. The hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Beginning this month, a legal aid attorney will be available for consultations regarding family law forms/packets at the Belle Glade Courthouse the first Thursday afternoon of each month from 1-4 p.m. No appointment is necessary. The cost of a consultation is $10 for 15 minutes.

Additionally, the law library located on the first floor of the courthouse at 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, has added two computers for patrons' use. The computers may be of particular interest to attorneys for processing of revisions to orders or pleadings. Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

HSCT preparation class

The Glades Central Community High School adult and community education program is offering a special HSCT preparation class for former students who need to validate their diplomas. The class will meet Mondays through Thursdays through Oct. 3, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This class is for those who have earned enough credits to graduate, or who have received a certificate of attendance, and only need to pass the HSCT in order to receive a diploma.

Adults can take the HSCT until the 2002-2003 school year.

Beginning in the 2003-2004 school year, adults will have to take the FCAT instead.

Register in the adult and community education office or call 993-4404.

Grilled/Fried Grouper

The Pahokee Elks Lodge will host a Grilled/Fried Grouper on Monday, Oct. 2 at the Elks Lodge #1638.

The Grilled/Fried Grouper will include all the trimmings and will cost $8.50 per plate. Guests will also be able to watch Monday Night Football while enjoying their food.

The plates will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Sons of the American Legion Jim B. Bar-b-que

The Sons of the American Legion will be preparing a bar-b-que on Sunday, Oct. 8. Chicken and ribs with all the trimmings and takeouts will be available at the event. Donations are $7. The bar-b-que will be held at the American Legion Post 20, 101 S.E. Ave. D, Belle Glade.

First Annual Pumpkin Patch

The First United Methodist Church welcomes you to our First Annual Pumpkin Patch. Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes for all your needs. Prices start as low as $.50 for the mini pumpkins and are priced according to the size of the pumpkin that you pick out. Be sure to pick up your ticket for a free chili supper on Oct. 25 when you purchase your pumpkin. The pumpkin patch will have various games and special events, food and cold drinks, story time for the kids and parents will be able to take pictures of their children.

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